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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REQUEST TO IAEA FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY
PROTECTION ASSISTANCE

REF: (1) VIENNA 02743; (2) VIENNA 05433; (3) MEXICO 12515

1. USG PLEASED TO RESPOND TO MEXICAN REQUEST FOR
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ADVICE ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
SALAZAR NUCLEAR CENTER AND THE LAGUNA VERDE NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT. HOWEVER, AS EXPLAINED IN MORE DETAIL IN
PARA 7 BELOW, WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE A NON-U.S. NATIONAL
JOIN U.S. GROUP TO FORM TRULY INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF
EXPERTS UNDER IAEA SPONSORSHIP.

2. GROUP PROPOSES TO VISIT INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE ENERGIA NUCLEAR AND COMISION FEDERAL DE ELECTRICIDAD AUTHORITIES AND CONDUCT REVIEW AND PROVIDE ADVICE PER PARA 1 ABOVE.

3. THE GROUP PROPOSES TO ARRIVE IN MEXICO CITY ON OCTOBER 16 AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE AUTHORITIES OF INEN AND CFE ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 17, VISIT THE SALAZAR NUCLEAR POWER CENTER ON OCTOBER 18, THE LAGUNA VERDE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT FACILITY ON OCTOBER 19 AND

WILL MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR A WRAP-UP SESSION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES ON OCTOBER 20. THE GROUP WILL WOULD LIKE TO VISIT U.S. EMBASSY ON MORNING OF OCTOBER 17.

4. THE GROUP WILL BE COMPRISED OF EXPERTS FROM THOSE USG AGENCIES THAT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF U.S. FACILITIES AND THE ASSESSMENT OF ON-GOING PROGRAMS AND POSSIBLY AN ADDITIONAL EXPERT SELECTED BY THE IAEA FROM ANOTHER NUCLEAR SUPPLIER STATE. PERSONAL HISTORY FORMS ON U.S. MEMBERS ARE BEING POUCHED. THE GROUP WILL BE HEADED BY RAY E. CHAPMAN OR VANCE H. HUDGINS OF DOE'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS AND IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE JOHN H. HNATIO OF DOE'S OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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SECURITY; DONALD J. KASUN OF NRC'S DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS; AND JAMES R. MILLER OF NRC'S DIVISION OF REACTOR SAFEGUARDS.

5. A. GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE OPEN DISCUSSION WITH INEN AND CFE AUTHORITIES REGARDING NATIONAL LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING PHYSICAL SECURITY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION AND THE MECHANICS OF HANDLING EXPORT AND IMPORTS OF SAME.

B. GROUP REVIEW OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES WILL CONCENTRATE ON SECURITY RULES, REGULATIONS, PLANS AND PROCEDURES. FOLLOWING THESE TALKS, TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILED TOUR OF FACILITIES TO REVIEW MEASURES IN PLACE OR UNDER PLAN. THE TOUR SHOULD BE OF SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND INTERESTS AMONG THE TEAM MEMBERS AND MEXICAN HOSTS. FOLLOWING TOUR, GROUP WILL BE PLEASED TO PRESENT CONCLUSIONS TO HOSTS AT THE CLOSE OF THE DAY (RECOGNIZING THAT REPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AND IAEA AFTERWARD).

C. THE GROUP WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE TO INEN AND CFE

AUTHORITIES ON FRIDAY TO PROVIDE SUMMARY OF THEIR CONCLUSIONS.

D. MR. MILLER IS PLANNING TO REMAIN AT THE LAGUNA VERDE FACILITY FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 10 DAYS TO PROVIDE DETAILED ADVICE RE SECURITY OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. MR. MILLER WILL HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION NRC RULES, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES AND WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SAME. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP AS TO THE MEXICAN INTEREST IN MR. MILLER'S PLANS.

E. THE TEAM WILL CONDUCT THE VISIT AS A GROUP AND NO INDIVIDUAL PERSONS, ASIDE FROM PARA 5D ABOVE, WILL SPECIALIZE IN ANY SINGLE INTEREST.
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6. A REPORT OF THE TEAM'S FINDINGS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AGENCY AND THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

7. FYI: IN OUR VIEW, TEAM AS CONSTITUTED ABOVE WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE GOM ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE IN ITS PHYSICAL SECURITY PROGRAM. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD HELP SATISFY MEXICAN CONCERNS (REF. C) IF AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER WERE TO BE A WELL QUALIFIED NON-U.S. NATIONAL FROM A NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE, PARTY TO THE NPT, HAVING SIMILAR NUCLEAR FACILITIES AS EXIST OR ARE PLANNED BY MEXICO (I.E., RESEARCH AND POWER REACTORS AND FULL FABRICATION FACILITIES). MORE SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IAEA SELECT A BROADLY BASED AND EXPERIENCED PHYSICAL SECURITY EXPERT FROM A NON-LATIN COUNTRY SUCH AS GERMANY, CANADA, JAPAN, OR SWEDEN IF SUCH EXPERT CAN BE DESIGNATED IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO JOIN U.S. GROUP IN VISIT OCTOBER 16 THROUGH OCTOBER 20 AND, AT IAEA ELECTION, FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF UP TO TEN DAYS FOR PROVISION OF MORE DETAILED ADVICE RE SECURITY OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AS PER PARA 5D ABOVE. MISSION REQUESTED APPROACH AGENCY ON ORAL BASIS, AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL, TO URGE AGENCY SELECTION OF NON-U.S. PARTICIPANT IN ACCORDANCE FOREGOING. END FYI.

8. MR. DALMAU COSTA ALONSO OF INEN REQUESTED THAT HE BE INFORMED OF AGENCY AND U.S. PLANS IN THIS MATTER. SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY MEXICO ADVISE HIM INFORMALLY OF U.S. PLANS AS CONTAINED HEREIN AND U.S. MISSION ENCOURAGE AGENCY TO COMMUNICATE OFFICIALLY WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

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9. FOLLOW-UP CABLE WILL CONTAIN FLIGHT DATA.
REQUEST EMBASSY MEXICO ARRANGE MODERATE HOTEL ACCOM-
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